

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A commodity ordering method, comprising the steps of:
storing customer information entered in a plurality of
terminals into commodity provision means connected to said
terminals in advance;

- 5 designating a commodity provided by said commodity
provision means using any of said terminals; and
displaying the customer information on said terminals by
which the commodity has been designated.

2. A commodity ordering method according to claim 1,
further comprising the steps of:

- designating the customer information displayed on the
terminal; and
5 taking an order for the commodity using the customer
information.

3. A commodity ordering method according to claim 2,
wherein the customer information includes a plurality of items,
and the commodity ordering method further comprising the steps
of:

- 5 designating the customer information for each of the items;
and
taking the order for the commodity using the customer
information.

4. A commodity ordering method according to claim 3,
further comprising the step of

displaying the customer information for each of the items
on the terminal.

5. A commodity ordering method according to claim 3,
further comprising the step of

displaying a plurality of pieces of customer information
for one of the items.

6. A commodity ordering method according to claim 4,
further comprising the step of

displaying a plurality of pieces of customer information
for one of the items.

7. A commodity ordering method according to claim 5,
further comprising the steps of:

selecting a desired one of the pieces of information; and
taking the order for the commodity using the selected
5 information.

8. A commodity ordering method according to claim 6,
further comprising the steps of:

selecting a desired one of the pieces of information; and
taking the order for the commodity using the selected

5 information.

9. A commodity ordering method according to claim 1, wherein the customer information includes a plurality of items, and the commodity ordering method further comprising the steps of:

5 designating the customer information displayed on the terminal or entering new customer information for each of the items; and

taking the order for the commodity using the customer information.

10. A commodity ordering method according to claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

storing the new customer information as additional information to the customer information stored in advance; and

5 displaying the customer information including the new customer information added thereto on the terminal when the commodity is ordered using the terminal.

11. A commodity ordering method according to claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

selecting desired information from within the customer information with regard to any item which includes the newly
5 added customer information; and

taking the order for the commodity using the selected

information.

12. A commodity ordering system, comprising:

a plurality of terminals;

customer information storage means for storing customer information designated by users who operate said terminals; and

5 commodity provision means connected to said terminals for providing commodities to said terminals and for extracting, when any of the commodities is ordered from any of said terminals, the customer information corresponding to the terminal at said customer information storage means and transmitting the
10 extracted customer information to the terminal;

the terminal displaying the customer information transmitted thereto from said commodity provision means.

13. A commodity ordering system according to claim 12, wherein, when the customer information displayed on the terminal is designated, said commodity provision means takes an order for the commodity using the customer information.

14. A commodity ordering system according to claim 13, wherein the customer information includes a plurality of items, and said commodity provision means takes the order for the commodity using the customer information to accept the order
5 for the commodity when the customer information is designated for each of the items.

15. A commodity ordering system according to claim 14,
wherein said commodity provision means transmits the customer
information for each of the items to the terminal, and the
terminal displays the customer information transmitted thereto
5 from said commodity provision means for each of the items.

16. A commodity ordering system according to claim 14,
wherein the customer information includes a plurality of pieces
of information for one of the items.

17. A commodity ordering system according to claim 15,
wherein the customer information includes a plurality of pieces
of information for one of the items.

18. A commodity ordering system according to claim 16,
wherein said commodity provision means takes the order using
desired information selected from among the pieces of
information.

19. A commodity ordering system according to claim 17,
wherein said commodity provision means takes the order using
desired information selected from among the pieces of
information.

20. A commodity ordering system according to claim 12,

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wherein the commodity information includes a plurality of items,
and said commodity provision means takes the order for the
commodity using, when the customer information displayed on the
5 terminal is designated or new customer information is entered
to the terminal for each of the items, the designated or entered
customer information.

21. A commodity ordering system according to claim 20,
wherein said commodity provision means stores the new customer
information as additional information into said customer
information storage means and displays, when any of the
5 commodities is ordered at the terminal, the customer information
including the new customer information added thereto on the
terminal.

22. A commodity ordering system according to claim 21,
wherein said commodity provision means takes the order using,
for any item for which the new customer information is
additionally stored, desired information selected from within
5 the customer information.

23. A commodity ordering system according to claim 12,
further comprising commodity information storage means for
string information regarding the commodities provided from said
commodity provision means.

24. A backup means for use with a commodity ordering system according to claim 12, wherein said backup means stores the customer information stored in said customer information storage means.

25. A backup means for use with a commodity ordering system according to claim 23, wherein said backup means stores the information stored in said commodity information storage means.

26. A selling system possessed by a company, an organization or the like which provides commodities in response to orders at a plurality of terminals for taking the order for the commodity, when any of the commodities is ordered at any
5 of said terminals, using customer information designated by a user who operates the terminal, comprising:

means for causing, when the commodity is ordered at the terminal, the customer information to be displayed on the terminal.

27. A selling system according to claim 26, wherein said selling system takes the order for the commodity, when the customer information displayed on the terminal is designated, using the customer information.

28. A selling system according to claim 27, wherein the customer information includes a plurality of items, and when

the customer information is designated for each of the items,
said selling system takes the order for the commodity using the
5 customer information.

29. A selling system according to claim 28, wherein said
selling system causes the customer information to be displayed
for each of the items on the terminal.

30. A selling system according to claim 28, wherein the
customer information includes a plurality of pieces of
information for one of the items.

31. A selling system according to claim 29, wherein the
customer information includes a plurality of pieces of
information for one of the items.

32. A selling system according to claim 30, wherein said
selling system takes the order, when a desired one of the pieces
of information is selected, using the selected piece of
information.

33. A selling system according to claim 31, wherein said
selling system takes the order, when a desired one of the pieces
of information is selected, using the selected piece of
information.

34. A selling system according to claim 27, wherein the customer information includes a plurality of items, and when the customer information displayed on the terminal is designated or new customer information is entered to the terminal for each
5 of the items, said selling system takes the order for the commodity using the designated or entered customer information.

35. A selling system according to claim 34, wherein said selling system stores the new customer information as additional information to the customer information stored in advance and causes, when any of the commodities is ordered at the terminal,
5 the customer information including the newly added customer information to be displayed on the terminal.

36. A selling system according to claim 35, wherein said selling system takes the order, for any item for which the new customer information is additionally stored, using desired information selected from within the customer information.

37. A backup means having a function of a selling system according to claim 26 and storing information stored in said selling system.